

Memorandum

Date: July 15, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Thomas M. Moton, Jr., Assistant City Manager

Subject: Greenville Intermodal Transportation Center Update #9
– Environmental Assessment Status

On Monday, July 11, I received a copy of the signed Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Administrative Action. After reviewing the City's environmental report, the FTA concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is justified. This result means the City can move forward on the other elements of the Intermodal Transportation Center project. A copy of the FTA document is attached and posted on the project website for public access at www.greatnc.com.

Chief among the next steps is the awarding of a commercial real estate appraisal and residential real estate contracts. City staff was advised by FTA to not start the appraisal procurement process until after FTA approved the City's environmental report as evidenced by a signed copy of the FONSI. Requests for Proposals were distributed to local and regional firms on Thursday, July 14. Staff will review all RFP responses after the 4 p.m. deadline on July 29. Staff anticipates issuing a Request for Proposal for review appraisal services in August.

Other Issues Requiring FTA Approval

FTA recently advised staff that a real estate acquisition plan (RAMP) must be prepared and submitted to FTA for review and approval. The RAMP provides details on the City acquisition approach, plan, process and information on key policy issues. Staff is working on creating the City's RAMP with the intention of submitting the real estate acquisition plan to FTA in August.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this report.

Attachment (1)

cc: Wayne Bowers, City Manager
Dave Holec, City Attorney
Carol Barwick, City Clerk
Wes Anderson, Public Works Director
Nancy Harrington, Transit Manager
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